

CLAIMS

I CLAIM:

1. A method for managing shipment of a product through the use of the Internet, said method comprising:
 - 5 inputting into a server packing slip data for a product to be shipped;
 - storing said packing slip data in said server;
 - comparing said stored packing slip data relative to respective supplier data stored in a database;
 - 10 updating said stored packing slip data based on said comparison;
 - printing a packing slip based on said updated packing slip data from said server;
 - attaching said printed packing slip to the product to be
 - 15 shipped;
 - verifying said printed packing slip relative to product actually shipped; and
 - inputting exceptions and/or notations into said server.
- 20 2. The method recited in claim 1 wherein said printed packing slip includes bar-coded information.
3. The method recited in claim 2 wherein the verifying step comprises retrieving data from the packing slip by scanning the bar-coded
- 25 packing slip.

4. The method recited in claim 3, further comprising:
comparing said exceptions and/or notations relative to data
stored in said database;
5 updating said database on said server with said exceptions
and/or notations;
printing a new bar-coded packing slip based on said
exceptions and/or notations;
attaching said printed new bar-coded packing slip to a
10 modified product to be shipped;
shipping and delivering the modified product;
verifying said printed new bar-coded packing slip to the
modified shipped product; and
inputting any new exceptions and notations onto said server.
- 15 5. The method according to claim 4 further comprising:
inputting said packing slip information into a purchaser
inventory system; and
comparing said packing slip data to a purchase order.
- 20 6. A computer-readable medium encoded with computer
program code for managing shipment of a product through the use of the
Internet, the program code causing a computer to execute a method
comprising:
inputting into a server packing slip data for a product to be
25 shipped;
storing said packing slip data in said server;
comparing said stored packing slip data relative to respective
supplier data stored in a database;
updating said stored packing slip data based on said
30 comparison;

printing a packing slip based on said updated packing slip data from said server;

attaching said printed packing slip to the product to be shipped;

- 5 verifying said printed packing slip relative to product actually shipped; and
 inputting exceptions and/or notations into said server.

7. The computer-readable medium of claim 6 wherein said
10 printed packing slip further includes bar-coded information.

8. The computer-readable medium of claim 7 wherein the verifying step comprises retrieving data from the packing slip by scanning the bar-coded packing slip.

9. The computer-readable medium of claim 8 further
15 comprising:
 comparing said exceptions and/or notations relative to data stored in said database;
 updating said database on said server with said exceptions and/or notations;
20 printing a new bar-coded packing slip based on said exceptions and/or notations;
 attaching said printed new bar-coded packing slip to a modified product to be shipped;
 shipping and delivering the modified product;
25 verifying said printed new bar-coded packing slip to the modified shipped product; and
 inputting any new exceptions and notations onto said server.

10. The computer-readable medium of claim 9 further comprising:

inputting said packing slip information into a purchaser inventory system; and

5 comparing said packing slip data to a purchase order.

11. A web-enabled system for managing shipment of a product, the system comprising:

10 a module configured to provide a web page including at least a data field to be filled by the supplier with packing slip data indicative of a product to be shipped;

a module configured to store said packing slip data on a server;

15 a database configured to store inventory data;

a module configured to compare said stored packing slip data relative to said inventory data stored in said database;

a module configured to update said stored packing slip data based on said comparison;

20 a module configured to print a packing slip based on said updated packing slip data from said server;

attaching said printed packing slip to the product to be shipped;

verifying said printed packing slip relative to product actually shipped; and

25 a module configured to input exceptions and/or notations into said server.

12. The system of claim 11 wherein said printed packing slip further includes bar-coded information.

13. The system of claim 12 wherein the verifying step comprises retrieving data from the packing slip by scanning the bar-coded packing slip.

5 14. The system of claim 13 further comprising:
 a module configured to compare said exceptions and/or
 notations relative to data stored in said database;
 a module configured to update said database on said server
 with said exceptions and/or notations;
 10 a module configured to print a new bar-coded packing slip
 based on said exceptions and/or notations;
 attaching said printed new bar-coded packing slip to a
 modified product to be shipped;
 shipping and delivering the modified product;
 15 a module configured to verify said printed new bar-coded packing slip to the
 modified shipped product; and
 a module configured to input any new exceptions and
 notations onto said server.

20 15. The system of claim 14 further comprising:
 a module configured to input said packing slip information
 into a purchaser inventory system; and
 a module configured to compare said packing slip data to a
 purchase order.

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